Community Services Committee
MINUTES
Tuesday, November 8, 2005
1:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall

Present: Councillors P. Bruckler (Chair), T. Jackson (Vice Chair), M. McCarthy, D. Mitchell, B. Morelli, A. Samson and T. Whitehead

Also Present: Councillor C. Collins

J. Kay, General Manager/Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
J. Priel, General Manager, B. Fenwick, Public Health and Community Services
J. Murray, Public Works
J. Rinaldo, General Manager, Corporate Administration
P. Barkwell, Legal
I. Sturgeon, Legislative Assistant, Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Surplus Funds from Renovation Projects (CS05025) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

   (Samson/Jackson)

   That Information Report CS05025 respecting Surplus Funds from Renovation Projects be received.

   CARRIED

2. Zero Tolerance Policy (CS05028) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

   (Mitchell/ McCarthy)

   That Information Report CS05028 respecting the Zero Tolerance Policy be received.

   CARRIED

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3. **Asset Assessment Report for Arenas, Recreation, Community and Senior Centres (CS05014/PW05128) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

(Mitchell/Jackson)
(a) That Report CS05014/PW05128 respecting the Asset Assessment Report for Arenas, Recreation, Community and Senior Centres be received.

(b) That the Capital items outlined for 2006 in the report CS05014/PW05128 be referred to the 2006 Culture and Recreation Capital Budget Deliberations for consideration.

(c) That staff continue to work on a Public Use, Renovation and Replacement Study for Arenas, Recreation, Community and Senior Centres that would be presented to Council through the appropriate committees, prior to the 2007 Capital Budget Deliberations.

(d) That Item “L” – Asset Assessment Report for Arenas, Recreation, Community and Senior Centres and Item “I” – Sir Allan MacNab Recreation Centre – Family Change room/ Washroom Addition Capital Project be identified as complete and removed from the Community

**CARRIED**

4. **2006 Budget Request - City of Hamilton Volunteer Committees FCS05115 (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

(Jackson/Whitehead)
(a) That the 2006 budget submission from the Seniors Advisor Volunteer Committee be received.

(b) That the budget submission and requested funding be referred to the 2006 budget process.

**CARRIED**

5. **Community Emergency Response Volunteers (CERV) Funding (HES05005) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

(Samson/McCarthy)
(a) That the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services be requested to reaffirm their support of the Community Emergency Response Volunteers (CERV) Funding for the 2006 budget year and beyond, which in turn would augment the HES budget by approximately $7,500, if current funding amounts were approved.

(b) That the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services reinstate envelope funding to provide Municipalities throughout Ontario the opportunity to train and certify their residents to ensure that they continue to make communities stronger and safety resilient.

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(c) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to AMO, all Ontario Municipalities, and local MPPs for support.  

CARRIED

6. Application to Amend City of Hamilton Fireworks By-law 02-285 (HES05003(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(McCarthy/Jackson)

(a) That the proposed amendment as outlined in Appendix “A” to Report HES05003(a)) to the existing City of Hamilton Fireworks By-law 02-285 as amended by By-law 05-128 (Appendix “B” to Report HES05003(a)) permitting the sale of family fireworks during the year 2006 on Victoria Day and Canada Day, and during the fourteen (14) day period immediately preceding each of those days be passed and enacted.

(b) That this amendment to the Fireworks By-law be passed and enacted again, as per 2005, on a trial basis for the year 2006, with expiration date of July 2, 2006.

(c) That Hamilton Emergency Services (HES) report back to Council following July 2, 2006 with a future strategy/proposal regarding allowable sales periods for family fireworks.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

There were no changes to the agenda noted.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

The Minutes of the October 11, 2005, Community Services Committee meeting were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

The delegation request by Dr. Gene Sutton, President, SportHamilton respecting SportHamilton’s Programs and Activities was approved. (Item 4.1)
(e) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

Asset Assessment Report for Arenas, Recreation, Community and Senior Centres (CS05014/PW05128) (City Wide)

Mr. Bill Fenwick, Director of Culture and Recreation and Mr. John Murray, Acting Manager of Asset Management, made a power point presentation to members of Committee regarding the current and projected condition of existing arenas, parks and recreational facilities. A copy of their presentation was circulated to members of Committee.

Members of Committee raised comments and/or concerns regarding the 14 facilities that have not yet been assessed, criteria used to evaluate the facilities, list for buildings that require emergency repairs, community information sessions, contacting senior facility operators for information, safety issues within the facilities, format of how the report was presented, and the continuation with further studies on demographics and usage.

Councillor Whitehead noted a concern on how the report was prepared and felt that an unbalanced approach had been used in assessing the facilities. He made special reference to the McNab Recreation Centre which was assessed on condition and felt that a needs assessment should have been done as well.

Councillor Collins questioned staff regarding the cost of repairs that was being proposed for the Chedoke Twin Pad Arena. The Councillor noted a concern that the arena was one of our newer facilities and asked staff to provide an explanation. In addition, staff were also directed to report back to Committee with information on the current condition of the facility, the condition we would expect the facility to be in after 10 years, the total cost of repairs that have been incurred to date including the identification of any unusual costs the have been incurred. Councillor Collins noted the importance of being able to identify what went wrong with this facility and/or the private/public partnership so that we can learn from the experience.

Mr. Peter Barkwell, City Solicitor, advised that he could provide an In-Camera briefing at the next Committee meeting with respect to the ongoing litigation.

(f) MOTIONS

On a motion moved by Councillor Samson and seconded by Councillor Mitchell, Committee approved a motion requesting staff to explore and report back on the re-establishment of the Supervised Park (Supie) Program for Dundas. Staff were also asked to provide some history on the issue and to provide costs on re-instating this program.
(g) GENERAL INFORMATION

Outstanding Business List Items

(i) Fee Waiver Policy – Outstanding Business Item “D” – Due Date November 8, 2005 (Item 11.1)

On a motion (Samson/Jackson), Committee agreed to amend the due date to December 13, 2005.

(ii) Arena Renovation and Replacement – Outstanding Business Item “N” – Due Date October 25, 2005 (Item 11.2)

On a motion (Samson/Jackson), Committee agreed to amend the due date to December 13, 2005.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor P. Bruckler, Chair

Irene Sturgeon
Legislative Assistant
November 8, 2005